

## Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 LUSAKA 01012 151701Z  
ACTION AF-10

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-04 H-02  
INR-07 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-02 PRS-01 SP-02  
SS-15 NSCE-00 SSO-00 INRE-00 IO-13 ACDA-10 /087 W  
-----151721Z 092932 /45

O R 151632Z APR 77  
FM AMEMBASSY LUSAKA  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 5427  
USIA WASHDC IMMEDIATE  
INFO AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM IMMEDIATE  
AMZMBASSY LONDON IMMEDIATE 2849  
AMEMBASSY LAGOS IMMEDIATE  
AMEMBASSY MAPUTO IMMEDIATE  
AMEMBASSY PRETORIA IMMEDIATE  
AMCONSUL CAPETOWN

UNCLAS LUSAKA 1012

CAPETOWN FOR EMBASSY

USIA FOR IOP/M

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PFOR ZA RH  
SUBJ: OWEN VISIT: DEPARTURE PRESS CONFERENCE

1. BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY OWEN APRIL 15 PRESENTED HIS NEW PROPOSALS FOR A PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO THE RHODESIAN ISSUE TO ZAMBIAN PRESIDENT KAUNDA. DR. OWEN SPENT A GOOD PART OF THE DAY IN DISCUSSION WITH KAUNDA.

2. AT A PRESS CONFERENCE BEFORE DEPARTING LUSAKA FOR SALISBURY THE AFTERNOON OF APRIL 15, OWEN SAID THAT PRESIDENT KAUNDA WISHED HIM WELL IN HIS EFFORTS, BUT THAT HE HAD VOICED SKEPTICISM ABOUT THE POSSIBILITIES OF ACHIEVING A PEACEFUL SOLUTION IN RHODESIA. DR. OWEN, HOWEVER, SAID THAT HE IS "ABSOLUTELY UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 LUSAKA 01012 151701Z

CONVINCED" THAT PRESIDENT KAUNDA IS A MAN WHO WANTS A PEACEFUL SOLUTION, BUT LIKE MANY OTHER PEOPLE MUST HAVE "CONCRETE EVIDENCE OF A GENUINE WISH FOR TRANSITION TO MAJORITY RULE IN RHODESIA IN 1978."

3. THE BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY SAID HIS PRESENT TASK IS TO BRING ABOUT THE END OF THE ARMED STRUGGLE ON THE BASIS OF A

CLEAR CUT AND DEFINITE TRANSITION TO MAJORITY RULE IN RHODESIA BY SHOWING BOTH SIDES THAT THEY CAN ACHIEVE THIS IN A MULTIRACIAL ZIMBABWE. ONLY WHEN WHITE RHODESIANS GIVE UP THE REINS OF GOVERNMENT AND ALLOW ELECTIONS TO TAKE PLACE, AND ONLY WHEN THOSE PURSUING THE ARMED STRUGGLE AGREE TO FIGHT ELECTIONS IN PEACE WILL A PEACEFUL TRANSITION BE ACHIEVED, SAID DR. OWEN. IN HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH PRESIDENT KAUNDA HE HAD MADE IT CLEAR THAT THERE IS NO CHANCE OF FIGHTING AN ELECTION UNLESS THE ARMED STRUGGLE IS SUSPENDED. HE SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THE REASONS PEOPLE HAD RESORTED TO ARMS AND NOTED THAT THE POINT IS BEING REACHED WHERE HE HIMSELF COULD SEE NO ALTERNATIVE STRATEGY. BUT HE EXPRESSED CONCERN FOR THE LONG TERM STABILITY OF SOUTHERN AFRICA SHOULD THE ARMED STRUGGLE CONTINUE, AND SAID THIS WOULD SABOTAGE THE STABILITY OF AN INDEPENDENT ZIMBABWE AND COULD ADVERSELY AFFECT THE STABILITY AND ECONOMIES OF COUNTRIES ON ITS BORDERS.

4. WHEN QUESTIONED AS TO THE REACTIONS OF PATRIOTIC FRONT LEADERS TO HIS NEW PROPOSALS, HE SAID HE WAS AWARE THAT THE PF FEELS THAT IT SHOULD BE THE SOLE VOICE, BUT IN HIS MEETINGS WITH JOSHUA NKOMO AND ROBERT MUGABE HE HAD "FOUND THEM TO BE MEN OF PEACE" WHO HAD BEEN FORCED BY CIRCUMSTANCES TO RESORT TO ARMS.

5. DR. OWEN IS SCHEDULED TO MEET WITH FORMER SOUTHERN RHODESIAN PRIME MINISTER GARFIELD TOD TONIGHT IN SALISBURY. TOMORROW HE WILL HOLD ANOTHER ROUND OF TALKS WITH PRIME MINISTER SMITH BEFORE PROCEEDING TO NIGERIA FOR FURTHER MEETINGS AND DISCUSSIONS ON THE RHODESIAN QUESTION.

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 03 LUSAKA 01012 151701Z

LOW

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** POLITICAL SETTLEMENT, PRESS CONFERENCES, MINISTERIAL VISITS  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Sent Date:** 15-Apr-1977 12:00:00 am  
**Decaption Date:** 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** n/a  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:**  
**Disposition Date:** 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1977LUSAKA01012  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** N/A  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Expiration:**  
**Film Number:** D770131-1105  
**Format:** TEL  
**From:** LUSAKA  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1977/newtext/t19770453/aaaabtwn.tel  
**Line Count:** 98  
**Litigation Code IDs:**  
**Litigation Codes:**  
**Litigation History:**  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Message ID:** 1ded98a4-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Office:** ACTION AF  
**Original Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** n/a  
**Retention:** 0  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 10-Nov-2004 12:00:00 am  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**SAS ID:** 2795859  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** OWEN VISIT: DEPARTURE PRESS CONFERENCE  
**TAGS:** PFOR, ZA, RH, (OWEN, DAVID), (KAUNDA, KENNETH)  
**To:** STATE USIA  
**Type:** TE  
**vdkgvwkey:** odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS\_Docs/1ded98a4-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Review Markings:**  
Margaret P. Grafeld  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
22 May 2009  
**Markings:** Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009